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The Central African Republic configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission received an in-depth briefing from the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in the Central African Republic, Margaret Vogt.

Members of the configuration express deep concern about the deterioration of the situation in the Central African Republic, reflected in the lack of public safety and security, human rights violations and abuses, an increase in sexual violence, the recruitment of child soldiers and severe humanitarian conditions. They also note that there is the risk of the instability in the Central African Republic spreading to the rest of the subregion. In this context, they welcome the efforts made by Heads of State and Government of countries of the Economic Community of Central African States, with the support of the African Union, to develop a political framework and road map for resolving the political crisis in Central African Republic through the adoption of communiqués at their summits in Libreville, N'Djamena and Brazzaville.

The configuration emphasizes the need to ensure that the transition process is inclusive, in particular within the National Transitional Council and its Bureau, following the various accords reached under the auspices of ECCAS. The configuration underlines that restoring the rule of law and re-establishing the constitutional order are immediate priorities that affect further progress in the transition process and the delivery of assistance to alleviate humanitarian and socioeconomic conditions in the Central African Republic. In particular, the configuration calls for international support for the transition and for urgent assistance to ensure the restoration of public safety and security, thus allowing the revitalization of economic and social life.

The configuration calls upon the international community to provide technical and financial support to assist the transitional authorities in refining and implementing the road map for the restoration of the constitutional order in the Central African Republic. In addition, the configuration raises the possibility of the

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United Nations, the European Union and the World Bank conducting a joint needs assessment mission as soon as the security situation in the country permits.

Members of the configuration recognize the need for the Peacebuilding Commission to play a major role in providing political accompaniment and mobilizing international support for the post-conflict peacebuilding efforts in the Central African Republic and to elect a Chair of the configuration as soon as possible.

The members of the configuration express their appreciation to and support for the United Nations, including the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and her team, for the efforts made in supporting the peace process during this difficult period in the Central African Republic.